

**The Rhode Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday August 19, 2014 at 1:00 P.M.**

**Called To Order:**

**Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:00P.M.**

**Roll Call:**

**Present were Chairman Newbrook, Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Booth, Sylvester, Walker, Pearson, Thornton and Jackson.**

**Absent were Commissioners Richard and Blackburn.**

**Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.**

**Minutes:**

**Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester to approve the Fire Board Minutes for August 5, 2014.**

**New Business:**

**Timothy A. Williamson Esq., for the properties located at:**

**APPEAL #050504D: 1 Webster Knight Drive, (West Warwick High**

**School) West Warwick.**

**APPEAL #0505605D: 2 Webster Knight Drive (John Deer Middle School) West Warwick.**

**ADSFM Louis Traficant appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Filippi and Commissioner Walker to grant the Applicant a time variance until March 31, 2015 to bring the above facilities into compliance with the RI Fire Code. The West Warwick Fire Marshal's Office is authorized to extend the above deadline, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed unanimously.**

**APPEAL #140085: Mr. Thomas Trumann, for the property located at 50 School Street, Newport. ADSFM Christopher Mahoney appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Booth and Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow a single means of egress from Unit #2. The Board granted the Applicant request for relief from the travel distance of one hundred forty-two (142) feet in Unit #8, which exceed the requirement of the RI Fire Code. The motion passed with Commissioner Jackson abstaining from the vote.**

**APPEAL #140081: Mr. William J. Rearick, for the property located at**

**100 North Brayton Road, Tiverton (Tiverton High School). ADSFM Daniel Murphy appeared for the Tiverton Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sylvester, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow the existing dead end corridor leading to the Art-Room to remain to remain in use. The Board directs the Applicant to replace the existing wire-mesh wall of the storage area with a one (1) hour fire resistance rating wall with 45 minute fire resistance rated door. The motion passed on 6 to 2 vote with Commissioners Jackson and Thornton opposing the vote.**

**APPEAL #140080: Jaworski Family Trust, for the property located at 188 Central Street, Pawtucket. ADSFM Robert Thurber appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Thornton to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office for the installation of fully compliant fire alarm system with an approved key access box and with smoke and carbon monoxide detector. The Applicant also must submit plans for the installation of twenty (20) minute fire-resistance rated door and one hundred and fifty (150) days to implement that plan, with the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion passed unanimously**

**APPEAL #140084: Mr. Francis McBride, Jr., for the property located at 110 High Street, Pawtucket. ADSFM Allen McVay appeared for the**

**Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office to correct the following deficiencies; for the installation of a fully compliant fire alarm system, approved carbon monoxide alarms, emergency lighting and exit sign, key access box, remote shut off switch for the boiler, with domestically supplied sprinkler head over the boiler, enclosing or protecting the elevator shaft, installing a heat detector, treating all wainscoting and paneling in the stairway with a Class-A finish and installing door that open into the exit access corridors with twenty (20) minute fire rating, with self-closing devices at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. The Board granted the Applicant one hundred and fifty (150) days to implement that plan, with the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being made by the Applicant. The Board directs the Applicant to provide a copy of the decision if facility is sold, to the buyer. The motion passed on a 6 to 1 vote with Commissioner Booth opposing the vote and Commissioner Thornton abstaining from the vote.**

**APPEAL #140094: Brown University, for the property located at 154 Angell Street, Providence. ADSFM Timothy Lutz appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Booth, to grant the Applicant a variance to allow motor current transducers to provide confirmation**

of the operational status of smoke control system fans in lieu of the required airflow pressure sensing switches, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPEAL #140098:** Hughes Associates Inc., for the property located at 189 Canal Street, Providence. ADSFM Scott Derry appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant a time variance of ninety (90) days to allow monitoring of the temporary engine-driven generator providing primary power for the fire alarm system to be through the building's fire alarm system trouble signal in lieu of the required constant trained personnel. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Sylvester made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, not to take vote on formal interpretation FI#14-05 at this time, to allow the State Fire Marshal's Office, Providence Fire Marshal's Office and the Fire Board time to discuss concern with former FI#05-04 (mixed Occupancies) and in particular, residential occupancies above business or mercantile.

Commissioner Booth made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve FI#14-06 (Fire Alarm System Quarterly Testing)

**that testing “Once every three (3) months” is equivalent of quarterly frequency testing.**

## **Old Business**

- **Correspondence / Announcements**
- **Open Forum / Public Comments**

## **Adjournment:**

**Commissioner Pearson made a motion to Commissioner Walker to adjourn meeting at 2:40P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Desiree Campanini**  
**Administrative Assistant**